



I'VE BEN THINKING...

Next Sunday, October 15, is Confirmation Sunday. We will celebrate with nine of our young people as we affirm the promises that God made to them in baptism.

This will also be the first Confirmation Sunday since we began GIFT. As we have moved to this new worship and education model, the emphasis for Confirmation has also shifted.

Some things will be similar to how they have been done in the past, but others will be new.

What will remain the same?

1. We will surround these nine young people with our prayers.
2. We will together profess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.
3. We will pray for God to stir up the Holy Spirit in them, the same Spirit that God gave them when they were baptized.

What will be new?

1. **Our young people will voice a 'big question' that they** have. Part of having an honest and living faith is not being afraid to ask our questions. Our whole congregation will then commit to pursuing these questions with them.
2. The parents will take time to mark their children with the sign of the cross, multiple times, on their hands, feet, eyes, ears, etc. This is a reminder that God is with them in whatever ways they encounter the world.
3. At the end of the service, during the laying on of hands, all of us will (literally) surround these young people, showing them that we are all connected in this journey of faith.

So I invite you to attend our 8:30 worship service on October 15, to help celebrate with these young people, and to encourage them as they take their first steps into a larger world of faith.

-Pastor Ben

DID YOU KNOW ...

If you are busy on Sunday, OSLC offers a casual Wednesday Worship each week at 6:30pm.

Hearing devices are available in the sound system area at the back of the Sanctuary. These devices can be used with or without a hearing aid.

NOW AVAILABLE...OSLC Leadership Minutes. You can find them on the large bulletin board.

GATHER GALS MEETINGS:

Mark your calendars for the following date.
Monday - October 16 6:15 pm Dunn Brothers/Elton Hills
Tuesday - November 21 6:15 pm Dunn Brothers/Elton Hills

GREETINGS FROM IOWA!

9 baptisms, 6 funerals, and 500 miles later internship in North Dakota is complete and I am back in the classroom in Dubuque, Iowa. 7 months to graduation! This fall I am busy beginning the process of Approval for Ordination. I am also the Senior Class Vice President. Uff-da!

In other news, Leslie and I would like to announce that we are in the process of adoption through Lutheran Social Services in North Dakota. I invite you to follow along with us on our website:

<https://www.youcaring.com/nicholasrohdeandleslerohde-715588/update/684051>

Thinking and praying for you all, -Nicholas Rohde



ECHOES Weekly-October 8, 2017

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

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WELCOME VISITORS!

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, to the glory of God." Romans 15:7

We welcome new visitors and old friends, long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. To those who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, do not believe, you are welcome here. Regardless of age, color, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, marital status, abilities or challenges, join us, you are welcome here.

You are welcome to worship, to celebrate and sorrow, to rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new.

WANT TO JOIN OSLC? If you are interested in becoming a member, please talk with Pastor Ben or Pastor Fred.

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Ray Lundquist in honor of his 90th birthday. Happy Birthday Ray!!

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God from Arnold Fredriksen in memory of Gracia.

Remember in your Prayers:

Concerns: Terry Wagner; Ajullu Niygwo; John Hayen (Dave & Julie **Eberhart's brother**-in-law); Betty Andrist; Marsha Dick; Karen Pflibsen

Military Concerns: Chris Sikich, Margaret & Catherine Maher; Paul Schroeder; Austin Nicklay; Clark Rose; Eric Brown; Scot Heathman, Ryan Nordstrom, Dan & Kelly Pickett, all our service men and women serving in the Military and of our veterans who have served.

Missionary Partner:

The Palliative Care Program at Iambi Hospital, Tanzania.

Seminary: Nicholas Rohde

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT OSLC

Serving will begin at 5:45pm

Oct. 11—Mac & Cheese, hotdogs, vegetables & dip, dessert

LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

October Congregational Collection
When LWR distributes Personal Care Kits, **it's often to people who have lost everything.** In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a **toothbrush...and washing up, they know** that they have not been forsaken by the world. The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath. **You can share God's grace and love by** providing that simple comfort.



What to Include...Guidelines

- Please give new items only, except where otherwise noted
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, **messages or your congregation's name.**
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended
- Two 4oz bath-size bars of soap or three 3oz bath-size bars of soap in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

TANZANIA PARTNERSHIPS SUMMIT

Members of all the congregations with partnerships in Tanzania are invited to a Summit at Zumbro Lutheran Church on October 8 at 3-6 pm, dinner with a Tanzania flavor included. This summit is for all the congregations of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod and will provide an opportunity for people to share stories of how their **partnership is going and to be inspired by other people's** stories. If interested or have questions, please contact Pastor Fred.

WOMEN'S EVENT

LAUGHTER! Ho ho ho! Ha ha ha!

OSLC Women's Fall Event

Saturday, October 14, 2017

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Come for coffee at 10 a.m.

Learn about and try laughter yoga with Vicki Snyder.



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WHAT/WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

Each year the Stewardship team selects 4 causes to support with funds designated for local benevolence. In the past this has supported causes including Mission 21, the Christ United Methodist Saturday Noon Meal, the Women's Shelter and the Boys and Girl's Club of Rochester. This year the Stewardship team is seeking input from the congregation on what community organizations to support with our local benevolence funds. Email Billy Irons at wdirons@us.ibm.com, or call 281-4125 (in the evenings) to share your idea. We'll sort through the all the input, find the common themes and select the 4 most worthwhile organizations to support.

NOTE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has completed their work and filled the slate of open leadership positions for the coming year. If you were asked and said "yes", thank you! All of us contribute in a meaningful way to the service of OSLC. We appreciate everyone's contributions and look forward to the opportunities ahead to proclaim God's love to the world.

OK GROUP EVENT

November 9, 1:00pm

Join us for a presentation of a trip to Germany by several of our members.



NOON MEAL AT CHRIST UNITED

October 21

Shifts starting at 9am

See the Volunteer Board to sign up or in the Friendship Pads. Your help is needed.



A NOTE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY

The Bell Ringing Calendar opened on Oct. 1st. The best way to make a difference in the lives of those in need this Holiday Season is to ring bells or donate to the Rochester Salvation Army Red kettle Christmas Campaign. 82 cents of every dollar donated stays in this community. We appreciate your support. Go to www.RochesterSA.org to sign up.





Circle Meetings

Naomi Circle
Date: Oct. 9 @ 9:00am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Ruth Moran
Bible Study: Mary Ann Smith

Martha Circle
Date: Oct. 11 @ 9:30am
Hostess/Location: Lois Johnson
2817 Northern Slopes Lane NE
Bible Study: Brenda Harmon

Sarah Circle—Potluck
Date: Oct. 16 @ 1:00pm
Location/Hostess:
Maxine Thoreson
1602 7th St. NE
Co-Hostess: Darleen Mensing
Bible Study: Group

Priscilla Circle
Date: Oct. 11 @9:00am
Location: OSLC
Hostess: Group
Bible Study: Wanda Hagquist

CAN YOU TIE A KNOT? If the answer is yes, join us on October 17 at 9:00am in the Fellowship to tie quilts for LWR. Everyone is welcome. PS: Remember to think about us when cleaning your closets of bed sheets, mattress pads, blankets & yarn.



JOIN US FOR MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 7:00am to study the upcoming Sunday Bible reading. All men are welcome to attend. Coffee, juice and rolls are offered.



FAITHFULLY FIT meets on Thursday morning. Come to the church at 8:30 am for chair exercises, balance practice, and light hand weight workout. Lots of conversation and laughter fill the hour. Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Mission Trip



WEEKEND MISSION TRIP FOR YOUTH GRADES 8-12. November 4-5 we will serve in the Twin Cities! Cost is \$50. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or would like to participate!!



ELCA YOUTH GATHERING is June 24-July 2 (ish), 2018 in Houston!! Cost will be \$350! Join us along with 30,000 other youth from around the world as we celebrate and serve The Lord! This is a truly AMAZING

opportunity!! \$150 is due September 24, 2018. Let Cassie know if you have any questions or concerns or financial issues. Cost is never a reason to not go!! I promise you will be SO glad you came!!!



On Wednesday evenings OSLC MIDDLE SCHOOLERS are invited to participate in middle school activities from 5 – 6:30 p.m. We will be rotating **FUN** activities, **FREINDSHIP** (curriculum led by

Pastor Ben) and **FAITH** (discussions from members of our congregation). As middle schoolers (confirmation students) have done in the past, we will discuss highs and lows (5-5:15 p.m.), pack Channel One food bags (5:15-5:30 p.m.) have the **FFF** activity (5:30-5:45 p.m.), enjoy the meal together at about 5:45 p.m. and then attend worship with friends and family at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you's

DEAR OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN, Thanks so much for your \$500 donation to Rainbow School. With your help, Rainbow School is able to meet its program needs, help others in need through our scholarship program, and provide children in the Rochester area with a comprehensive Christian pre-school experience. Teri Joyner, Rainbow School Treasurer

DEAR FRIENDS, **Waldo's cannot express our gratitude and thanks for** all that your congregation has done and meant to our family over the years. You were all near and dear to Ted and Faye, and you mean so much to us as well. You have shared our joys and you have shared our tears. We grieve and you grieve. Our prayers are with you as we all move forward to our future goal. To be together in Christ. May God continue to bless you. Love, The Waldo Family

DEAR OSLC, Thank you for your contribution of the Yuletide quilt which will be sold in the live auction at the 2017 Good Gift Gala. **Thank you for all you're doing to support this amazing event and the** life changing ministry of Good Earth Village. We give thanks to you, Good Gift Gala Committee

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This Week at OSLC

Sunday, Oct. 8	6:30pm Worship
8:30am Worship	7:20pm Sr. Choir
9am-2pm Fair Trade Market	Thursday, Oct. 12
10:00am GIFT Worship	P.F. off
3-6pm Tanzania Summit @ Zumbro	6:00am Promise Keepers
Monday, Oct. 9	8:30am Faithfully Fit
P.B. off	6:30pm Grace Bells
9:00am Naomi Circle	6:30pm Leadership
Tuesday, Oct. 10	OBA: 6pm Sons of Norway
11:30am Staff Meeting	Friday, Oct. 13
3:00pm P.F. @ Dunn Bros. N.	P.F. off
6:00pm HS Ministry	9:00am Weekly Prep
6:30pm Business/Finance	9:00am Banner Team
6:45pm Evangelism	Saturday, Oct. 14
Wednesday, Oct. 11	P.F. off
P.F. off	7:00am Men's Fellowship
9:00am Priscilla Circle	10:00am Women's Event
9:30am Martha Circle	Sunday, Oct. 15
12:00pm Weekly Deadline	8:30am Worship
5:00pm MS Youth Group	9:30am Confirmation Fellowship
5:45pm Meal	10:00am GIFT Worship
6:00pm MS Ministry	
8:30am Worship Assistants	
Anthem:	Senior Choir, directed by Ruth Benning
Greeters/Offering:	
Communion Assistants:	Sharon K. Peterson, Diana Schroeder
Usher/Offering:	Bob & Carol Chase
Prayer Reader:	Wayne Servais
8:30am Sound Board:	Sherry Rengstorf
10:00am Sound Board	Bob Westland
Coffee Prep:	Fair Trade Team
Coffee Treats:	Fair Trade Team
Coffee Clean up:	Fair Trade Team
Offering Counters:	Bill Nicklay, Joleen Carlson
Altar Guild:	Diana Schroeder, Lorrie Swancutt
Organists/Pianists:	Ruth Benning, Mandy Lambrecht, Bruce Rohde, Jan Matson

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EXPLORING THE STORY AT HOME

It is a Laughing Matter (Genesis 12-17)

After years and years of longing for God to fulfill the promise made to Abraham and Sarah, that they would have a child, it finally happens! But not without a few more detours (of course!).

1. When she heard from the three visitors that she was going to have a son, Sarah let out a cynical laugh. Have you ever felt cynical about the state of your life, or the state of the world? Do you still feel that way? How did you deal with it?
2. When confronted, why did Sarah lie about laughing? What was she afraid of? How does fear affect our lives, especially when we are afraid of unfulfilled promises?
3. What promises has God made to us? Are there any obstacles in the way of those promises? How do we know that God is faithful?

Catechism Connection

Martin Luther wrote the catechism not for pastors to teach kids but for, **“the head of a house to present these things, in a simple way, to the household.”**

It's hard for Sarah to trust this promise from God when it seems like there is no way it could ever be fulfilled.

Read through Luther's explanation to the *Introduction to the Lord's Prayer* in the *Small Catechism*.

1. **Instead of laughing at God's promise and then lying about it, how does God want us to respond?**
2. **The story begins with Abraham showing incredible hospitality to these strangers. Is this the result of him trusting God as his 'father in heaven?'**

If you need a convenient copy of Luther's Small Catechism you can download a free catechism app (search for "Luther's Small Catechism") listed as being published by either 'Augsburg' or the 'ELCA'.

8:30am Worship, Global Setting



10:00am
GIFT Worship